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Overview

This bill would broaden the authority of the commissioner of natural resources to issue general permits to government subdivisions or the general public for a variety of activities.

- 1 General exceptions.** Amends § 84.0895, subd. 7. Allows the commissioner of natural resources to issue general permits to governmental subdivisions or to the general public to take, import, transport, or sell any portion of an endangered species for certain purposes.
- 2 Commissioner's authority.** Amends § 97A.401, subd. 1. Allows the commissioner to issue general permits to governmental subdivisions or to the general public for certain activities related to wild animals, including the collection of specimens for zoological purposes and the taking and transportation of wild animals for certain purposes.
- 3 Permit application.** Amends § 103G.245, subd. 3. Expands the activities the commissioner may issue general public waters work permits for.
- 4 Permit required.** Amends § 103G.271, subd. 1. Expands the activities the commissioner may issue general water appropriation and use permits for.
- 5 Permit application.** Amends § 103G.301, subd. 2. Establishes a \$100 fee for general water appropriation and use permits.
- 6 Refund of fees prohibited.** Amends § 103G.301, subd. 4. Technical.
- 7 State and federal agencies exempt from fee.** Amends § 103G.301, subd. 5. Technical.
- 8 Town fees limited.** Amends § 103G.301, subd. 5a. Technical.
- 9 General permits.** Amends § 103G.611, subd. 6a. Allows the commissioner to issue a general permit to a governmental subdivision or the general public to operate an aeration system on public waters during periods of ice cover and establishes a \$100 fee.

- 10** **Issuance; validity.** Amends § 103G.615, subd. 1. Allows the commissioner to issue a general permit to a governmental subdivision or the general public for certain aquatic plant management activities, including the harvest, transportation, or destruction of certain aquatic plants. Allows general permits to be authorized for more than one growing season.
- 11** **Fees.** Amends § 103G.615, subd. 2. Establishes a \$30 fee for aquatic plant management general permits authorized under the provisions established in the previous section until the commissioner establishes an alternative by rule.